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BABY RUTH CLEVELAND is no longer "baby," a little sister having arrived at the white house last Saturday at noon. The little stranger has the distinction of being the first child ever born in the white house. It is said that Mr. Cleveland was somewhat disappointed over the late arrival's not being a boy.

BROTHER MARTIN, of the Brookfield Gazette, says he was disappointed when the recent vote in congress on the silver question did not disrupt the Democratic party. The doughty editor had evidently been reading Dick Bland's silver speech, and, like most people in the South and West, had become a little anxious about the fate of silver. But, unlike the Democrats in these localities, he failed to see that the repeal of the Sherman law would not effect the growing popularity of the silver dollar.

THE repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman law seems to be indefinitely postponed. The friends of silver are developing additional strength every day, not in votes, but in their ability to resist the passage of the repeal bill. Besides a new issue has been sprung in the house which is likely to produce such a bitter party spirit, that a vote on the repeal bill in the senate will not be reached during the present extra session of congress. The bill in the house to which we refer is the bill introduced to repeal all federal election laws.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL BISSELL has issued an order directing Postmaster E. B. Engle, at Nevada, Mo., to pay no more postal orders nor deliver any more registered letters to the Missouri Guarantee Investment company, of that place. The company was declared fraudulent by Postmaster Bissell, and not entitled to the benefits of the United States mails. The officials of the said investment company, however, express no alarm at the course of the postmaster-general as they claim to have gone through a similar trial last year and came out all right.

THE Wall street bankers have been caught in their own trap. They now see that they overdid themselves in asking for an extra session of congress to repeal the Sherman law. The probability that congress will not only repeal the Sherman law, but will also provide some other way to increase the volume of currency now in circulation has led the Wall street sharks to declare that they prefer the Sherman law to any other law. They are now congress for increasing currency. An increase of money is the thing these bankers do want. That was their objection to the Sherman silver law. It increased the currency \$2,000,000, a

THE TREASURER LON V. STEPHENS has directed the prosecuting attorney, of Pettis county, to commence suit at once against the Pettis County Investment company for failing to comply with the state law requiring such companies to deposit \$100,000 with the state treasurer before being allowed to do business in Missouri. This company, it will be remembered, attempted to comply with the law some time ago by depositing \$200,000 worth of investment bonds as collateral, but Treasurer Stephens now decides that their bonds are worthless. So if the company continues business it will have to put up \$100,000 in cash, clear cash.

THE St. Clair county judges, who have been serving the last six months in the Kansas City jail by order of Judge Phillips of the United States district court, were released some time ago on condition that they would go to St. Clair county and submit a proposition to the people to compromise the railroad bonds of the county at fifty cents on the dollar. The proposition was voted on two weeks ago and defeated by an overwhelming majority. When this vote was announced the judges were ordered into custody of the Kansas City jailer again. They complied with this order Friday of last week and were locked up in their respective cells.

CHOLERA has broken out in England at Grimsby and Hull. Great alarm exists in all the large cities, and people are fleeing in every direction. The authorities are making strenuous efforts to confine the malady to Grimsby and Hull, but they are meeting with indifferent success, as several cases were reported in London during the fore part of the week. The epidemic is supposed to have been introduced from Antwerp, Holland.

RICHARD BROWN, a young negro man at Chillicothe, went to the residence of Dennis Wolfkale, in that city, Saturday afternoon of last week, and deliberately shot Wolfkale's 19-year-old daughter to death, while her parents were at the fair grounds. Young Brown then went to his own home and blew out his own brains with the same revolver. The girl had refused to marry him a short time before, and this is supposed to be the cause of Brown's committing the tragedy.

THE robbers who held up an express train on the St. Louis & 'Frisco railroad, near Pacific, a small hamlet forty miles west of St. Louis, Wednesday night of last week, have all been caught and are now in jail. Their names are James Pennock, Samuel Robertson and Muncie Ray. They were all employees of the 'Frisco Railroad company as brakeman, and were novices in the business of holding up trains. They have all confessed and will all be sent to the penitentiary within the next few days.

THERE is much confusion in a number of eastern cities whose banks have been paying their depositors in certified checks and clearing-house receipts. Secretary Carlisle directed the government revenue officers in these cities to collect the ten per cent. prohibitory tax from all banks using these certified checks and clearing-house receipts as is now provided by law. This order produced tremendous excitement among the banks in New York and other cities where these checks and receipts were being used.

IT was shown in the lower house of congress last week that the merchant marine of the United States was less than that of any other maritime nation. This is indeed a humiliating confession for one of the greatest nations in the world to make, especially so since we are conceded to be one of the most enterprising and progressive people on the globe. It is certainly high time congress was looking into this branch of our inexhaustible resources, and determining what has brought about this state of affairs.

THE home rule bill for Ireland, which passed the English house of commons a couple of weeks ago, and was certified up to the house of lords, was voted upon by that body Friday afternoon of last week, and was overwhelmingly defeated. The votes stood 42 for the bill and 402 against it. This decided vote in the house of lords has sprung a new issue in English politics. Gladstone will now appeal to the people to not only sustain his home rule bill for Ireland, but also a home rule bill for Scotland and Wales, and the abolishment of the house of lords.

THE government's finances are in a bad shape. Receipts at the treasury office in Washington last week, showed that the current expenses of the government exceeded its receipts by \$168,000 per day. This enormous deficit has been going on for the last two weeks, and is likely to continue for many weeks to come. It is the direct result of the McKinley tariff law. Merchants are unwilling to import goods and pay a high tariff, when they believe that the tariff law will be changed as soon as congress gets down to its work.

SECRETARY SMITH, of the interior department, is being severely criticised for the arrangements he has made for opening the Cherokee strip. These criticisms come from other government officials, and indicate that Secretary Smith has transcended his authority by encouraging runs on the part of the "boomers," as the emigrants camped along the border are called. It is now asserted that there is absolutely no law authorizing the secretary to discriminate against any citizen of the United States going into the strip, and selecting a quarter section of land that has not been previously settled by some other citizen.

FINKS and TILLERY.

No topic in political circles in Missouri has been more all-absorbing for the past several weeks than the appointment of collector of internal revenue for the western district of Missouri. The two candidates who have measured swords for this important position are Major Jos. H. Finks, of Salisbury, and Clint Tillery, esq., of Liberty, Clay county.

We know nothing of Mr. Tillery's qualifications or fitness for the place, but the fact that he has been endorsed and his appointment championed by Congressman Dockery is a strong card for the gentleman hailing from the capital of Clay county, and knowing so well the lofty standing of Mr. Dockery, both in and out of congress, we could not for that reason speak disparagingly of Mr. Tillery.

But we do know that there is not within the borders of the territory comprising the western district of Missouri, a more loyal Democrat, a more high-minded, honorable gentleman than Major Jos. H. Finks. His appointment as internal revenue collector is not only deserved, but it would be nothing less than a credit to the Democratic national administration.

Maj. Finks served for a number of years as state committeeman from this (the Second) congressional district, and we are entirely safe in saying that during his long service in that honorable position, he was one of the most popular and influential members of that committee. His long, active and faithful service to his party now entitles him to recognition, and especially so since no man can truthfully say a word against Maj. Finks' fitness for the place he is seeking.

It is with deep regret that we hear of a few of the major's personal enemies, at Salisbury, making war on his appointment, but when it is considered that this opposition arises from a purely local matter, it should have no weight whatever with the appointing power. If the men who are opposing Maj. Finks' appointment would go before the people on their grievance against Maj. Finks, they would, by an overwhelming majority, be made to realize that they and not Finks are "unpopular with the rank and file of the Democratic party." There is not a man in the Second congressional district who is more highly esteemed than Major Jos. H. Finks, and we defy those opposing his appointment to prove to the contrary.

There are in Chariton county about 3,500 Democratic voters, and the strength of the entire opposition to Maj. Finks has secured 26 names which have been sent to Washington to raise "a tempest in a teapot" in opposition to Maj. Finks' appointment. These men are hoping that the tail will wag the dog instead of the dog wagging the tail. Of the 26 names that were sent to Washington opposing Maj. Finks' appointment, two are Republicans one a Populist and twenty three Democrats in Chariton county opposing Maj. Finks, while more than 3,400 loyal Democrats in this county would rejoice at his appointment.

Then, too, Maj. Finks is endorsed by both Senators Vest and Cockrell and 12 or 14 Missouri congressmen, besides being strongly endorsed by leading Democrats all over the state.

His appointment would be hailed with delight by "the rank and file of Missouri Democracy," and would also be a just rebuke to the 23 Salisbury Democrats who are waging a warfare on Major Finks purely on personal grounds.

Such campaigning can not be too strongly condemned.

MISS MARY PHILLIPS, a young lady of respectable parentage, at New Cambria, Macon county, was the victim of a horrible outrage Friday night of last week. A couple of masked men entered her sleeping room, and, after administering chloroform, carried the unfortunate girl into the woods and criminally assaulted her. She was found in an unconscious condition Saturday morning. The alarm was soon given, and the country was scoured for miles around for the fiends, who, if captured, will be lynched by the enraged citizens.

SPIRITUALISTS in Missouri and other western states have decided to cut loose from all the humbugs that have hitherto attended that interesting order of religious belief. At a general conference in St. Louis last week it was decided to establish a college for the purpose of giving the public an educated ministry of this faith and order. It was determined to locate this college at Liberal, Mo.

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